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Belmont 16s Photography Club



Welcome to the November 2022 Edition

Welcome to this month's edition of our Photography Club newsletter. skiffy16sphotographyclub@gmail.com

I can't believe it's November already! Where has the year gone?? It's almost Christmas 🎄, again! There is an upside though, the weather has changed - well, the rain is still with us BUT, the air is warmer, the sun ☀️ is shining, the 🌺 flowers 🌻 are blooming 🌸 and I have to say I'm feeling a whole lot happier - I hope you are too 😊

There's lots coming up for our Club, not the least of which is our Christmas Party! Make sure you get your RSVPs to Katherine by the 20th November, Details [here](#). I'm looking forward to seeing you all there!

Dennis, our President, has important news regarding the future of our Club please make sure you read on for all the details.

Have a great month!

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Judging and EDI Set Subjects

With Di Schofield

Next Club Competition - November 2022

Image of The Year Judges

Prints - Bill Chambers, Neville Foster, Roy Killen

Judging - will be completed on the last Sunday of October

- EDI will be done on line with a Zoom meeting to finalise decisions.
- EDI Colour
 - B Grade and A Grade
 - Neville Foster, Roy Killen and Craig Parker

Maitland International Salon.

[Maitland International Salon](#) is now open.

Group discounts are available - enter with a friend or, multiple friends.

The 2023 Salon has 6 sections:

- Closing Date: 7 January 2023
- Judging Complete: 28 January 2023
- Report Cards: 11 February 2023

SET SUBJECT JANUARY 2023

To be confirmed...

The Future of our Club

With Dennis Archibald, President

Members, you are all aware that through 2022 we have been meeting at Valentine Bowling Club (VBC) as our parent club, Belmont 16s Sailing Club undertakes major renovations. Recently your committee requested a meeting with a senior member of the management team of Belmont 16s to receive an update on the renovations. Renovations are proceeding and will be completed most likely in the second half of 2023. We confirmed that the Club anticipated;

- auditorium bookings will increase; hence it will become increasingly unlikely we can rely on holding our monthly print nights in that space
- the two upstairs room we used in the past as an alternate to the auditorium and for our tutorial nights would be unavailable. They are being extensively renovated to take advantage of their lakeside location
- there will be no storage area for our club equipment
- the Club was unable to offer us any other rooms suitable for our meetings

Given this advice we then posed the question whether Belmont 16s Sailing Club would allow us to retain the funds in our bank accounts and the equipment we have and to seek an alternative venue so that our club could continue to function. We have now received advice that the parent club will allow us to part company and to take our existing assets.

I would like to stress that all the dealings we have had with the parent club during these discussions have been undertaken in a positive atmosphere. The parent club has been extremely supportive and generous to our photography club over the years and we will part company on good terms.

Your committee is proposing that we change our name to the Lake Macquarie Photography Club and change our status to an incorporated association under the [NSW Fair Trading guidelines](#) - and additional details are available [here](#).

Whilst renovations have been undertaken at Belmont 16s, we have been meeting at VBC and we are extremely grateful to that club for allowing us to use their meeting room through 2022. Our intention is to continue to meet at VBC at least in the short term whilst we look to find the most suitable venue for club activities in the future.

To make this change will require us to “wind-up” our existing club in accordance with the club’s constitution. This meeting will be held at 7.00pm on Wednesday 11th January at the Valentine Bowling Club. For those members who are unable to attend in person there will be a simultaneous Zoom meeting where a vote will be put to sever ties with Belmont 16s Sailing Club and set up a new incorporated club called the Lake Macquarie Photography Club. Prior to that meeting, members of the Committee will be investigating possible meeting places for the new club, and information about that will be passed on to members.

If the motion to create the new club is passed at the January meeting, the Committee will then start the process of registering the new club and planning the transition.

Please, if you have any questions contact one of your committee members. You will find their contact details on the club website.

Panorama Photo Shoot

With Dennis Archibald

In recent ZOOM sessions some members have expressed interest in learning how to shoot and edit a panorama image. Greg Carruthers has volunteered to lead a photoshoot at Valentine prior to our November club night. Those interested should meet at 5.30pm in the carpark of Valentine Bowling Club on Wednesday 9th November.

This is obviously dependent on the weather so please keep this in mind. We will provide updates via posts on the club website closer to the time. If you are interested, please RSVP to Greg by Monday 7th November (0410 629 620, gkcarruthers@gmail.com) if you intend to come along. For best results bring your tripod and L bracket and/or nodal rail if you have one. Greg will demonstrate both.

Note: This activity is at member's own risk. The club does not have PL Insurance. The activity will involve walking around the foreshore area adjacent to the Valentine Bowling Club so dress accordingly.

Astrophotography Shoot Report

With Julie Brooks

I had the very good fortune to be available when Greg Carruthers made a call out to Club members to have a go at some astrophotography at Belmont's Green Point on the 29th October. I have been very keen to try, but with no clue what I'm doing I was super keen to go on this excursion.

There were 6 hearty souls who didn't have a can of Aerogard between them!! The mozzies were swarming and Greg and I were the lucky ingestors of a mozzie each 🤢🤢 - yes it was gross!

We stuck it out for a few hours with Greg providing excellent and patient instruction. I have some nice looking RAW images and am keen to join in the final Zoom presentation when Greg will continue his tutelage in editing techniques for awesome images.

Raw Challenge 2022

With Greg Carruthers

The Raw Challenge is now finished for the year, with the October images being judged as you read this newsletter!

Thanks to all who have entered and put so much time and effort into challenging your creative capabilities in photo editing. It's always fascinating to see how different people interpret different images.

The Raw Challenge will be reviewed over the Christmas break through a member consultation process.



4th December 2022 Club Christmas Party - Get your tickets now!

Ho, ho, ho yes, Christmas is coming! And it is very soon!!

At the time of writing, only...

- 2,764,800 seconds or,
- 46,080 minutes or,
- 768 hours or,
- 32 days

RSVP by 20th November to Katherine James on 0421 921 353. Payment can be made on our November Club night or at the event.

Zoom Report

With Greg Carruthers

Zoom presentations occur on 2nd and 4th Wed of each month at 7pm and everyone is welcome. The calendar for future workshops can be found on the website under the Zoom Presentation Calendar link.

REMINDER: the link for all club Zoom workshops can be found on the website

Like to join in? Not sure how? Please contact Greg Carruthers
0410 629 620 or, gkcarruthers@gmail.com

See the latest post on the website for more information and how members can become involved.

Upcoming Presentations and Workshops

With Greg Carruthers

Wednesday November 23rd I will be going through the process of editing images from both the impromptu astro shoot on the 29th October and the panorama workshop scheduled for Wednesday 9th November 5:30 before our regular Club night that starts at 7pm.

Thanks to all who have joined in and participated across this year it has been fabulous, with so many talented people both within and outside of our Club wanting to share their knowledge and expertise.

If you have any ideas for future workshops or, would like to try presenting please send me an email.

2022 Portfolio Exercise

With Dennis Archibald

Through 2022 eight club members have been working as a group to develop a portfolio of images on a chosen theme. The group was facilitated by Roy Killen and Craig Parker. These portfolios were presented to the Club at a ZOOM session on Wednesday 26th October. It was clear at this session that the members who participated had enjoyed the experience, particularly the chance to work with other club members to produce a body of work that reflected their particular interest.

The 2022 Portfolio Exercise was based on:

- working collaboratively in a study group
- operating as a learning group, not a competition
- Emphasising participation and contribution
- Roy and Craig acted as mentors for the group
- Each member produced a portfolio of images that included a title, composite image and a statement of intent
- Guidelines provided flexibility to have a 5 word title, up to 75 word Portfolio Statement and,
- From 6-10 images as an "Overview Image" with maximum dimensions specified.

If members are interested in participating in a similar exercise in 2023, please contact one of your committee members to let them know.



Good Gear

with Bill Chambers

A versatile and much cheaper macro light option than the Canon MT-26 or Nikon R1CI for close up macro photography. Designed for close-up photography, the MF12 Macro Flash 2-Light Kit from Godox makes lighting macro photography much easier.

The flash heads enable you to shoot beautiful sharp photos of small subjects such as plants, animals, and insects at an extremely close distance. The MF12 flash heads can be mounted on the included flash stands and feature adjustable heads for quick positioning.

For added versatility, the flashes can be mounted directly to a lens via adapter rings and mounting ring that lets you mount up to six MF12 flash heads. Also included is an Extreme Close-Up Positioning Adapter with a specially designed slope structure that lets you angle the flash heads inwards toward the lens for extreme close-up photography.

For on and off camera use, the flash heads require a separately purchased transmitter and are compatible with the Godox XPro, X1, X2, and other select wireless flash triggers for main brand cameras such as Nikon, Sony, Canon, Fuji, Olympus, Panasonic & Pentax.

2.4 GHz Wireless Control

2.4 GHz wireless technology enables long-distance transmission, adding more flexibility to your shooting. Additionally, 5 groups with 32 channels each help to prevent interference and disturbance when several wireless systems are working close to each other.

Compact Design

The MF12 Macro Flash is optimised for close-up photography due to its compact design and unique ability to be mounted directly to a lens via the included adapter rings and mounting ring or placed around the subject with the included flash stand. Also, its size and wireless capabilities make it a good option for general photography as well.

The Menu is easy to operate, compact and light-weight size ensure it can be carried in a pocket ensuring great portability.

Flexibility

Instead of illuminating forward only, each flash can rotate to a different angle and slide around the mounting ring for correct positioning. Whether fine tuning the light effect or creating another lighting style, the MF12 Macro Flash heads will help you experiment until you reach the best effect you need.

Rechargeable High-Performance Battery

The powerful built-in lithium battery supports approximately 500 full-power flashes with a 0.01 to 1.7 second recycling time. The battery is also easily rechargeable through an included USB Type-C cable.

Colour Effects and Colour Temperature Adjustment Set

Included with the 2-light kit are two MF-11C Colour Effects and two MF-11T Colour Temperature Adjustment Sets. The Colour Effects Set contains an assortment of coloured gel filters to expand your creative capabilities.

The Colour Temperature Adjustment Set contains an assortment of gel filters to adjust the colour temperature of the flash head. This allows you to match the colour temperature of the ambient light wherever you are shooting.

Mounting Rings

Included in the 2-Light Kit is an adapter ring kit with 8 different sizes, which match most lenses. The sizes are 49mm, 52mm, 55mm, 58mm, 62mm, 67mm, 72mm, and 77mm.

Different kits are available with either one MF-12 Flash / Twin MF-12 Flash units / Twin Flash with lens mount rings & adapter.

Highly Recommended.

Check out this review from [Dustin Abbot](#).

Photographic Society of America (PSA)

Interclub Photographic Competitions

With Roy Killen

An overview of the PSA Interclub competitions and the definitions for all sections can be downloaded for the "Club Documents" page of the club website. If you have questions about any of these definitions please contact Roy Killen.

Please remember that you cannot enter any image that has been used to represent the club in any previous PSA Interclub competition. If you are a member of several clubs (e.g. Belmont and Wangi) you can enter for only one club.

Our Photography Club Instagram

If you have some images you'd love to share please go to our Insta account and post some images for our members and followers to enjoy. An excellent opportunity to strut your photographic stuff online. Instagram is a social media site that was developed specifically for people to post, share and comment on photo's from Club members.



Buy, Swap & Sell

With Julie Brooks

Email me a photo or two of your item, a brief description including the important tech specs, your price and contact details.

It's been pretty quiet on the Buy, Swap and Sell page this year! If you have anything that you'd like to buy, sell or swap please let me know.

I recently purchased a Sony full frame mirrorless camera after feeling like I outgrew my trusty Canon EOS 80D. Still an absolutely awesome camera that I really can't justify keeping with my new kit. I have all the gear that goes with it including 3 lenses which I can no longer use with my new gear 😞. If you or someone you know is interested in purchasing this camera feel free to message, call or email me if you'd like to find out more.

What's On

2/11/2022, 7pm Committee Meeting (Conducted over Zoom)	9/11/2022, 7pm Zoom Presentation Astro & panorama image editing
NOTE: no print competitions until the new year.	20/11/2022, 7pm RSVP for Christmas Party

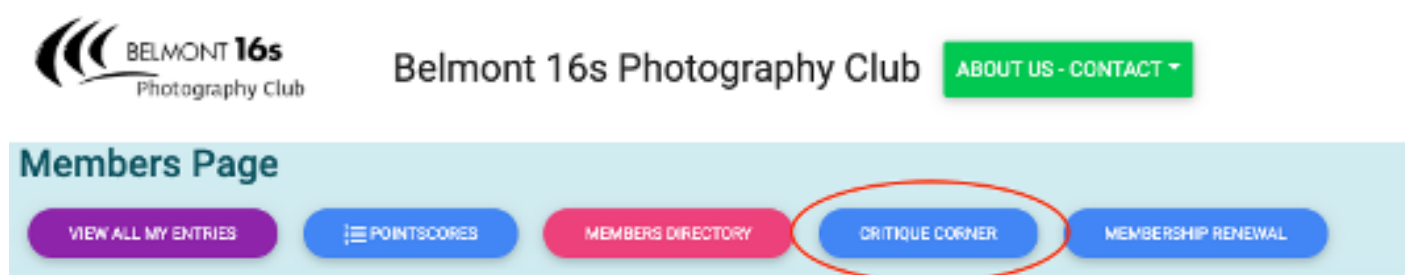
Critique Corner

Critique Corner aims to help members to fine-tune potential entries by gaining feedback from other members before the image is entered into a competition.

All members, regardless of experience are encouraged to upload images and make comments on images. The aim is to help each other to develop both your image capture and processing skills, and to take the judges' point of view when assessing an image. There are no grades within this activity.

Each member can upload one image per category. Once uploaded you can use this image in an upcoming competition. You can remove the image and replace it with another image whenever you choose.

The critique corner is accessible from the Members page as shown below:



Club Equipment

With Greg Carruthers

Please contact Greg if you would like to borrow any of the club's equipment, so if you need to borrow the mat board cutter, Spyder, scanner or, you would like to purchase mat boards to mount your images.

Greg's details can be found in the members link on the club website.

Normally, Greg would bring some boards along to competition nights for members to purchase at \$2 per board. However, as we are not having competition nights at the moment and you'd like to get ready for when we do please contact Greg via text or email to arrange supply and pick up.

Stay Connected

Club Website



Belmont 16s Photography Club

Support Belmont 16 Footers

Please remember when visiting [Belmont 16 Footers](#) to present your membership card when having a meal and/or something to drink as all of these purchases are credited to our overall membership purchase tally and, if we reach the average spend per member, as determined by 16 Footers, Belmont 16s Photography Club becomes eligible for sponsorship to the value of \$1,000 each financial year. This sponsorship allows us to keep membership prices low, gives us funds to purchase Club equipment and to put on events for members.

The Photography Club Committee would encourage all members to consider the 16s when planning a night out and don't forget to present your membership card when making purchases!

Committee Details

President	Vice President	Secretary	EDI & Judge Co-ordinator
Dennis Archibald	Greg Carruthers	Susan Slack	Di Schofield
Treasurer	Membership Co-ordinator	Webmaster	Zoom Coordinator & Equipment Loans
Liz Woods	Joy Thomas	Colin Woods	Greg Carruthers
Presentations Co-ordinator	Social Activities	Newsletter Editor	Club Patron
Greg Carruthers	Barb Hunter & Katherine James	Julie Brooks	Les Porter 4958 5840 www.Lesporter1.com.au

Committee Members

Barbara Hunter, Bill Chambers, Bob Todd, Diane Schofield, Greg Carruthers, Julie Brooks, Katherine James, Phil Whiteman, Ruth Keech and Roy Killen.

Please feel free to contact any of the Committee members to discuss club matters and to have those matters raised at a Committee meeting.

The Committee meets at 7pm on the first Wednesday of each month.